


REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended here to improve the clarity of claim 1, particularly with respect to the term "equivalent", which is supported by the disclosure in the specification, e.g., at page 7 lines 18 - 24, etc. The Examiner is respectfully requested now to proceed with examination of the amended pending claims.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner may believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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